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Unions Make Inquiry Into Profiteering.

between wages and the increased cost her. of living and submitted it to the United States railroad labor board, with the contention that (1) profiteering is a fundamental cause of high prices of practically all commodities, and (2) increased wages to labor are in no way responsible for the increased

The statement is exhaustive and rep rements research work of a high order of intelligence, and whether one agrees with all the statements made or not, one thing is apparent, and that is, many abuses are being tolerated for the benefit of the few at the expense of the public generally

Contrasting the profits of a number of \$1,000,000 a year, it is found that the basic metal industries, clothing, food, fuel, light and housing, and miscellaneous, have an annual average income of nearly \$1,250,000,000, or nearly 24 per cent on their capital stock, or three times the average for the prewar period. The annual profits of these corporations averaged approximately \$800,000,000 more per year from 1916 to 1918 than they averaged from 1912 to 1914.

The corporations upon which these figures were based represent about onesixth of the total corporate income of the United States. If other corporations did as well as those of which record is available, then the combined corporations of the country earned approximately \$4,800,000,000 more per year during the three war years than during the three preceding years.

A profit of \$800,000,000 per year means \$40 for every family of five throughout the nation, The total of \$4.800,000. 000 means an involuntary contribution of \$240 a year for every family

"Consider," says the report, "that

favorite method. The federal trade commission found the American Metal company was paying salaries as high as \$364,000 a year.

An investigation of food profits showed that the war profits were practically three times as great as those of the prewar period, with figures, a hand to show further that the profit per pound on sugar was practicall three times as large in the years 1915-1918 as it was in the prewar years.

The packers' profits increased he tween 500 and 400 per cent, and four packing concerns in 1915-1917 carried \$140,000,000 Labor was an income quential item. An increase of the cent in wages would not have added h per cent to the total cost. The increase in price between 1914 and 1915 was eight times the total labor cost and the price in 1918 represented la times the total labor item.

As for clothing, it is claimed that profits absorb one-half the retail price Eight textile concerns showed an increase in profits over the prewat year from \$3,734,215 to \$22,630,562

On the ever-absorbing subject shoes the report has this to say each stage from payker to tunner. manufacturer, to wholesafer or reconan increased profit was exacted not in 1918 the whose bought lov. the consumer was actually worth little mos than two-fifths of the price he was

Data secured from the treasury d partment relating to the subject of fue. every possible deduction of more per cent, 218, or over sur-malf shows earnings of over 50 per vent on supplied stock; while 118 or nearly one third. showed net profits of ever lim to cent.

is sufficient to say that the investigation showed the net profits of the I S. Steel corporation per ton of finished product were 220 per cent greater it 1917, and ill per cent stream in 1918 than they had averaged during the three years prior to the war

Some of the other things the conmittee maintains are: Tour the wa made the cich richer and the poor poor who own property, and reduced the sa ue of the income of the man dependen upon wagen That profiteering blesso the wealthy and muses the poor, and that the war trebled the number of mu Honaires

If no other deduction is possible from the report filed with the labor board by the railroad unions, it must be as knowledged that the people are hos ing behind the acenes and that the day

Undue Alarm.

The country need not be unde alarmed because of the unkind word said by foreign speakers about us a the recent meeting of the council seems that the council grew tired serious Lusiness and decided for few minutes to "play truth," and that is all there is to the matter.

floor for England, was the first to voice the wrongs of Europe. "You are beastly rich in this country," said Sir Harry, with considerable feeling. He said that we were never so unpopular n Europe as at this minute, and a

great war profiteer. M. Maurice Casanave, the French igh commissioner, got up to tell wha France resented in America Our riticism of French policies as Imperial stic, and our patronising affitude toward France as toward a brggar, were the items that had nurt French feel

ng on behalf of Japan. He resented he docrimentory laws against the apanese in California, which he procrinciple of American democracy," and also the "crocodile trars" shed in the senate not long ago over the fate of

Why there was no Italian representa ve on hand to give torigue to the woes of Italy at our hands, we are not in ground, but we believe it was not be cause there was nothing to complain

we understand the council got down to usiness again; but the censustrip had been lifted for one fatal moment at Representatives of the railroad unions teast, and America had been informed prepared an analysis of the relation what her late allies really thought of

> But other news of a more reassuring nature has been carried in the press once that date, and the natural alarm of our brave people is beginning to

Thus in England the Manchester Dis patch waxes gleeful over the approach of the American summer invasion which is to enrich the coffers of poverty-stricken Englishmen: They are nembers of the four hundred and other odd millions, coming to make a noice the a cash register in the cars of needy hotel proprietors."

In France it would seem that the Americans, long out of favor for their selfish alsofness, are about to be reof corporations with incomes in excess instated for the way they pay the prices demanded by the poor but proud these Americans," says one of the ribe of the Rue de la Paix, and all thereupon forgiven.

In Japan the news is not quite so onvincing, but its tendency is faorable. The purse strings have not een loosened in the Japanese favor, out the floodgates of oratory have been opened, and apparently the efects upon the high-minded populaion are just as beneficial. At Osaka a huge audience cheered a group American speakers who urged Japan to forsake the road which leads to militarism and imperialism, and join this sountry in the common cause of deogeracy. Therefore we are hopeful.

Public Discussion

************************ DENOUNCES REPRESENTA-

"Consider," says the report, that each family of five paid as a toll, not to so-called legitimate profits, but to excess of war profits over prewar profite, \$246 a year, and one gains an idea of the total burden which profiteering meant to the country."

But these stupendous figures do not tell the whole story. The superfitial examination showed that during late years the companies resorted to numerous devices for concealing profits. Excessive deductions were made for depiction and depreciation, as shown in the copper and coal industries.

In other industries huge sums were found set aside for federal jax reserves, sums out of all proportion to the necessity of the case. Payment of excessive salaries to officials is another far of mean and bread, carried away our horses, mules chickens hogs and eatile, and burned our homes, and left eatile, much of the case, and the case of the 19th, where one Mr. Madden calls the old when such as Mr. Madden calls the old when here one Mr. Madden calls the old where one Mr. Madden calls the old when here one of the late

It's a shame on the great state of inois to send such a reprobate to to send such a reprobate to sa to stir up such strife, after \$5 have gone by. r Madden would come to Helena.

If Mr Madden would come to Helena, tk, and make such a statement, sete Sam hash't got men enough in any Pike to get him away safe and cound and set we are peaceable people. I have a notion to challenge him to a firsticulf bout 1 will scrap him my whole south of the Mason and Dixon me.

In with I had the language to express you'll toward this would be gentleman, it ms education is limited, as you like know after receiving this. Of all men on earth that I do abborthe than that says my father was fratter. I hope some true-bearted to of a reb, that is gifted in speech, ill express my risws and condemnation of such as Mr. Madden. Sincerely, you of a reb. W. HollTECLAW. Popular Grove, Ark.

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BUY COTTON OIL MILL.

PRENSHAW, Miss. May 22 (Spl.)—
for continued oil mill here was reper purchased by W. Il Potts, C. A.
mins. I. O. Ashworth and C. Potts,
L. G. Kosciusko. The new owners are
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and un-to-date oil mill machinery
and plant the mill. A trick addition
to been build to be man mill build.

MARCH ON BATUM.

LONDON, May 22 Georgian tracqu been occupied by a British battalion as a sequel of serious strikes there. Several scattered British bands in Trans-Caucasia are reported to be threatened by the advance of Bolsh-evik kandits.

HUNGARIANS HOMELESS. GUDAPEST, May 12. Twenty thou-sand persons are houseless in this city and there is little prospect of finding indigings for them, said Margaret Schi-achta, the first and, thus far, the only woman member of the Humarien na-tional assembly, today. Hundreds, she Sir Harry Percy Robinson, taking the

Wonder What a Brand New Straw Thinks About-By Briggs

HIS NOB DOESN'T I WAS HOPING TO BE PURCHASED BY FIT ME - - ! TAKE A NUMBER EIGHT SOMEONE ELSE. HEAD AND THIS I - KNOW I'M NOT CHAP IS A SEVEN GOING TO BE HAPPY AND A HALF - NOT ON THIS HEAD A SPEAR OF HAIR



KNEW IT! I KNEW OUCH! THERE'S A NICK IN MY BRIM! I VE GOT TO BEAT IT NOW FOR THE OTHER THE PAVEMENT EASY. SIDE OF THE STREET HERE'S WHERE I DODGE AUTOMOBILES AND HOOFS



CHASE ME -- HE'S FAST BUT I CAN



I SLIDE AROUND

SOMETHING FIERCE

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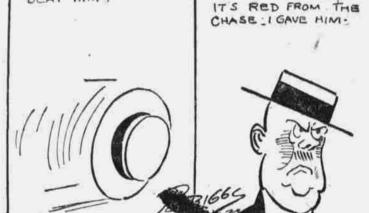
TO BE A SUDDEN GUST

OF WIND COME ALONG

AND BLOW ME OFF

INTO THE STREET

LOOK AT MY OWNER AWFULLY ANXIOUS TO GET ME - HE'S COMING BEAT HIM ..



AND ANSWERS

Q.—How many kinds of paper money are issued?—R G.

A.—There are more than 25,000 different kinds of paper money being issued. There are 8,000 national banks, each of which has an average of two and a half different bills printed with its name on them. There are different bills for each of the 12 federal reserve banks, and in addition to these, we have United States treasury notes. Q-Who were the Seven Sleepers?-

Q.—Who were the Seven Sieepers?—L. O. D.
A.—They were the heroes of an ancient legend. It is supposed that during the persecution of the Christians about 150 A. D., these seven Christian prothers of Ephesus took refuse in a ave. Their retreat was discovered and the mouth of the cave walked up. Two aundred years later the cave was actidentally opened, and the men emerged, having slept through centuries as though but a single night. They found the Christian religion accepted in the city where they were honored and feted, and where all of them died on the same day. he same day.

IT WOULD HAPPEN-

WELL . I HOPE I HIT

OF HORSES

QUESTIONS

Q-Where is the middle of the Old Testament?-R. B. A-In the King James version of the Bible, the middle book of the Old Tes-tament is Proverbs, while the middle hapter would be the 29th chapter of

Q.—How can moss be kept out of water thanks and pines.—O. I. J. A.—The lanks should be kept tightly overed. Copper sulphate will retard uch growths, but should be used only inder the directions of a chemist.

Q.—When a man serves a prison term does he lose his citizenship?— G. H. A.—There are but two ways in which an American can lose his citizenship. an American can lose his citizenship-by swearing allegiance to a foreign power and by enlisting in a foreign service. A criminal is often deprived of his right to vote for a certain time after release from prison, but he is still an American citizen.

atil an American citizen.

Q-When did France adopt the system of time that they had during the war, for instance, calling 2 o'clock in the afternoon 14 o'clock?—N. T.

A-Following a sort of referendum to various chambers of commerce about 20 per cent of which favored the action, the minister of public sworks, on Dec. 31, 1911, issued a decree that the new system of notation of time would

Dec. 31, 1911, issued a decree that the new system of notation of time would be adopted by France. The order was carried into effect by the local organi-zations. Fart of the railroads adopted it May 1, 1912, and the remainder fol-lowed on July 1, 1912. Italy had adopt-ed the plan about nineteen years pretously.

Q. What is a main-gauche? F. T. I. A. The word is French and translited literally means, left hand. It is the name however, given to a dagger which was held in the left hand, which has been been a first literally of the literally of the literally of the left hand. It is combats of the lith and lith century, this was used to parry, the thrusts of the adversary a raiser. the adversary a rapter.

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Q How long his the air mail service been in operation?—V. F. L.

A—This service was inaugurated on May 15, 121A. The routes in operation at present are from Washington to New York, from New York to thicago, and from Chicago to Omaha. The service will soon reach St. Louis, and plans are being perfected to extend the service to the Pacific coast.

O. What is the simplest marriage.

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A The simplest lead marriage correction in the lanted diates is the performed merels in the name of the state of example. In the name of the state

Q — What rade is used by the Asso-ciated and United Press association in wireless telegraphy E. V. A.—The A. P. and U. P. ide not use wireless telegraphy. They could floor wireless telegraphy. They send the messages by telegraph and nable. The use what is known as the Phillips on account of its breaty. Q - Can you give to some general in-

Q-What is meant by "ground game" H B game." B. B. A. In English have this applies I have and rabbits which are subject to extinction by the occupants of lands to protect their crops from lujury and loss This femoves these arimals from the protection which, in the interest of the sporting classes, the Kulish law throw about wild animals which are hunter sport Ordinarily the possersion confers he right to kill or at a found thereon, but it is not mon in England to provide in

common in England to provide in a lease for the keeping down of ground game.

(Any reader can get the answer to any question by writing The News Scimitar information bureau Frederic I. Haskin director, Wastington in C. This offer applies strictly to information, the bureau can not give anxies in the fire and the parts equally well cast, and want to be parts equally well cast, and want to undertake exhibition in the parts equally well cast, and want to undertake exhibition in the parts equally well cast, and want to be parts to be parts to be in which has not the common the same to be worked early to down the part to be parts t

SECOND OPERA OF

Trovatore Presented by Wonderful Cast and Even Flickering of Theater Lights Fails to Effect Perfectness.

MATINEE. LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR. Lucia Evelyn Scotney
Alisa Mary Kent
Edgardo Orville Harrold
Lord Enrico Ashten Millo Picco
Ralmondo Giovanni Martino
Artino Giordano Paltrinieri
Normanno Mario Laurenti

Conductor-Carlo Peroni. Stage Manager-Armando Agnini Curtain at 2 o'clock.

EVENING.

TOSCA
Floria Tosca Florence Easton
Mario Cavaradossi Mario Chamlee
Bavon Scarpia Antonio Scotti
Cesare Angelotti Louis d'Angelo
The Sacrisian Facio Ananian
Spoletta Giordano Paltrinier
Sciarrone Mario Laurenti
Charles Obern

Conductor-Carlo Peroni Stage Manager-Armando Agnini Curtain at 8 p.m.

BY GEORGE WILLIAMSON.

different late-comer. Annuly has weeved high because of the standard set the night before the fact call three lead favorities were cost for ending roles and that this is the most conding roles and that this is the most conding roles and that this is the most conding of all works of this charac or The evening was a framuch for Francesca Peralla has become and to read the three days as the gypsy Azircan seth of whom in their two previous appearances here first with sheators and the present company. From the treats overshadowed others in the rest, notably Morgan Kingsten, the Welsh tenor, whose voice, while a himself of the first warmed on a control and delicacy of busines. The here was Greek Evans who only it we care ago was dispensing but of individual to whose dispension by sheer ment to a liftly plantacle whose voice has qualities that hallow drama are some said still off key bridge events and of care model. At times in soing stightly off key bridge events are of care model. At times in soing stightly off key bridge events are of care model. At times in soing stightly off key bridge events are of care model. At times in soing stightly off key bridge events are of care model. At times in soing stightly off key bridge events are of care model.

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Aftermoting to recount the superbartity or to express the wonderful tritite by the audience to either drainsea Pavalta or Jeanne Gordon, is
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amount of pleasure in giving the operas scheduled about 300 local people, the Rotarians and their wives, enjoyed a rare treat at their luncheon Friday, with Mr. Scotti and a number of his stars honored guests. The occasion was intended as a compliment to the visitors and a tribute to their excellence as artists, but because of the abundant appreciation it developed into one of the most delightful events in the club's history. There were numbers by the several artists, the Rigoletto quartet, the famous Lucia sextet, solos and encores in abundance. HANDBOOK MEN

Commissioners Quit; People Abandon Big Arkansas Contract

JONESBORO. Ark., May 22. (Spl.)—Seven commissioners and three attorneys for the Tri-County Road district, through Craighead, Greene and Poinsett counties, have announced their resignations, and also announced that plans for the highway would be dropped, although two days ago that the contract had been let for \$2,000.00.

The resignations were hurried by an announcement at Jonesboro of a mass meeting to be held today, at which the resignations were to be demanded. It was rumored that the taxpayers planned the same action as was taken at Lake City last Monday, when resignations of the Blackoak-Hancock district were demanded at the point of revolvers.

MUSICIAN STABBED PROTECTING WIFE

Nick Armando, 368 Rayburn street, musician with a local carnival, wa stabbed in the side and slightly wound

MATEWAN, W. Va., May 22.-Offi-Circuit Judge Damon.

rext Monday.

Col. Arnold, commander of the state

Col. Arnold, a number of his men Judge Damron, at Williamson, Cabell Testerman, who was killed Wed-Arnold said early today the sitnation was "very quiet" and he sid not expect a recurrence of the disorders.

WORLD WAR VETERAN IN RACE FOR OFFICE

CAMBEN, Ark., May 22 (Spl.)—England Plunkett, world war veteran, has announced as a candidate for the office of treasurer of Ouachita county.

Flunkett was severely wounded in the left leg by the enemy's machine gain fire, while charging the line at the battle of Chateau-Thierry in July, 1918. The would necessitated amputation. There are reven other candidates in the race for the office of treasurer.

CRYSTAL SPRINGS HIGH HOLD COMMENCEMENT

CRYSTAL SPRINGS, Miss. May 22 Spl.s.—The annual evaminations at the nigh school which have been in process for the week closed Wednesday, reparatory to the commencement excluses. Friday night the graduating class received diplomas, the several medals awarded and heard the graduations address by Mon Fred Lotterbay. ing address by Hon, Fred Lotterhos, assistant nitorney-general of Missis-stppt a Crystal Springs boy.

YAZOO CITY, Miss. May 22 (Spl.) -combination freight and passenge A combination freight and passenger train which arrives in Yagoo City at 11 a.m. and departs at 3.30 p.m. has been inaugurated by the Y & M. V. between this cit and Silver City. Breaks in the Yagoo river leves just above Silver City have chocked all rail transportation between this city and Belgon and it is now possible to reach Belgon from here by rail only by going over the route through Clarksdale. Four regular trains two north and two south, have been discontinued.

PUT ON NEW TRAIN.

SAWMILL BURNS.

JONESBORL Ark. May 22 (Spi.—
The sawmill owned by W. C. Craig one of the ommissioners of the Black Oakitanees's Bead Insprovement District, was burned Thursday night. The cause of the fire is not known. The mill had a capacity of cutting about fifteen to twenty thousand feet of lumber per day. The value is estimated at about \$5,000. Insurance was carried, but not near enough to cover the loss. An effort is being made to ascertain the course of the fire.

HELD FOR STATE

LOOK OUT! I ALMOST

WENT THAT .TIME -

COMFORT AT ALL-

COST MY FACTORY

UP ON THE HEAD

AGAIN. ILL BE A

WRECK INSIDE OF A

MONTH ... TAKE A

LOOK AT HIS FACE -

I'DON'T TAKE ANY

HE PAID EIGHT BUCKS

TO KNOW THAT I ONLY

OWNER SEVENTISIX CENT

FOR ME . I HAPPEN

Fines of \$50 each were administered to the four alleged handbook operators, and orders binding them over to the grand jury were issued late Friday by City Judge Barker following the testimony of Mrs. Edwin B. Whitsitt, 744 Looney avenue, that her husband had played the ponies with nearly all of the defendants and lost \$800. Whitsitt was in court and backed up her testimony. Seven men charged with gaming in connection with alleged operation of handbooks were also fined \$50 and bound over.

ing in connection with alleged operation of handbooks were also fined \$50 and bound over.

Johnnie Cummings, 1384 Harbert avenue, former proprietor of the cigar stand at Madison and Second, declared he had sold the place on April 1 and had no business connection with it since that time. He was charged with operating a handbook game.

Chief of Detectives W. T. Griffin, testifying against R. A. "Bob" Edwards, stated he found a handbook in the hands of one of the clerks in the Edwards' establishments.

Evidence revealed that Mrs. Whitsitt made the first complaint against the alleged operators. Whitsitt made an unwilling witness. He Bernstein, 124 Monroe, also charged with operating a handbook game, suffered a similar punishment as the rest.

Those fined and held for the state for alleged gaming were George Brown, 255 Kepple place. S. Latham, Adler apartments; T. W. Maloughney, 662 Poplar, David John, 892 Walker; L. F. Reynolds, 1023 Monroe avenue, clem Powell, 499 Pontotoe avenue, and Andrew Carroll, 6 South Second street.

LAW STUDENTS PLAN TO DEBATE ON LEAGUE

stabbed in the side and slightly wounded Friday night at 11:30 o'clock by an unidentified man in an auto, when Armando resented an insult to his wife and undertook to defend her. The autoist drove his car alongside Armando's car while Armando was inside a grocery at Rayburn and Third. Mrs. Armando fainted when accosted by the autoist.

Following the cutting the autoist excaped Armando's injury was dressed at the General hospital.

BEGIN INVESTIGATION

OF MATEWAN SHOOTING

MATEWAN W. Vs. May 72—000.

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N. E.W. YORK. May 22—Eugene V.
Debs, Socialist prisoner-crindidate for
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today with publication of a letter from
him accepting a gift of a complete
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PATROLMAN J. M. BRYANT MAKES BOND OF \$2,000

City Patrolman J. M. Bryant, indicted by the grand jury Friday on a charge of murder in the first degree, following the killing of Lee Turner, negro, Illinois Central fireman, made bond of \$2,000 Saturday. His bondsmen are Hulet S. Smith, formerly chief of detectives, and A. B. Beboe.

Bryant killed Turner in Tincup alley when the officer claims, the negro mide a "hippocket move." The latter was on his way home from work at the

NEGRO LOSES CLOTHING. NEGRO LOSES CLOTHING.

E. L. Thompson, negro, 824 Mississippi avenue, is minus a good suit of clothes and a new suit of underwear Saturday, which he took off Friday night when retiring. In their place he has a ragged suit of clothing and a soiled suit of underwear, which he found on the floor heside his bed when, he awakened. Thompson in complaining to police, declared the only way the thief could have made the change was by doing so while standing beside the bed. Thompson also found his house ransacked, but nothing of value was taken. Thompson offered police his substituted clothing as a possible clew.

TO COMMISSION BATTLER. NEW YORK, May 22.—The super-dreadnought Tennessee, one of the largest warships in the world, will be commissioned at the New York havy yard June 3. It was announced here today. Gov. Roberts of Tennessee is expected to attend the ceremony. Six hundred Tennesseans, recruited through the efforts of Gov. Roberts and others, will be included among the ship's crew of 1,420 men.

HELD FOR DESERTION. CARTHAGE, Miss., May 22 (Spl.)—Madden Wilborn, slieged to be a deserter from the army, was arrested Wednesday at his faithers home by Constable Hanna. The boy's father fought the officer and was knocked down. The boy was placed in juli.

MIKADO IN POOR HEALTH. TOKIO, May 22. (By the Associated

Roberts Denies Pact With Shields: Stands For Wilson

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 22. (Spi.) Gov. Roberts Friday issued a statement to the Democracy of Tennessee, following an article in the morning paper here quoting the governor in regard to the questions put to him by Col. Luke Lea ever the long distance telephone on Thursday. The questions were the on Thursday. The questions were the same as those asked by Col. Lea of Hill McAllister.

Gov. Roberts' statement is clear and to the point, and he declines to be dragged into any political fight other than his own race for re-election to the potition of governor of Tennesses.

His statement follows, in full:

"There seems to be an effort in some quarters to embarrass me in my can-

potition of governor of Tennesses.

His statement follows, in full:

"There seems to be an effort in some quarters to embarrans me in my candifacty for renomination, by the charge that my candidacy is entangled with the record of Senator Shields.

"My position on national issues was made plain in my announcement, made April 24, and distributed throughout the state. At that time I said: 'I avail myself of this opportunity to say that I have in word, thought and deed, supported the president in all of his great plans. I am for him now and I am for maintaining his leadership throughout the party in both state and nation. I have an intimate personal interest in the forthcoming convention, June 8, because that convention will adopt a platform and otherwise give voice to the sentiments of the Democratic party in Tennessee, and for these reasons I am personally interested in knowing that a majority of the delegates who compose the convention are favorable to my policles and in addition to this personal interest. I sincefely trust that the delegates to that convention will indorse the record of the Democratic administration, state and national, as well as Woodrow Wilson and the league of nations.

"At no time, by word or deed, have Lowerney and a state of the personal national."

County Tenessee.

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well as Woodrow Wilson and the league of nations.

"At no time, by word or deed, have I compromised or yielded that position. Neither will I do so. I am a candidate upon my official record, and declared position on public questions without agreement or understanding with any other man or his friends, either directly or indirectly.

"There is no foundation in fact for even a suggestion that I am entangled with Senator Shields or anyone else. Other public officials will doubtless stand on the records they themselves made, just as I stand on mine."

MADISON COUNTY **DEMOCRATS TO MEET**

JACKSON, Tenn., May 22. (Spl.)—
Madison county Democrats will assemble in mass meeting at the courthouse Saturday afternoon to select delegates to the state Democratic convention, which meets in Nashville on June 8.

This meeting will be open to both men and women, and it is understood that several women will be selected as delegates to the state convention. The mass meeting Saturday will also pravide for the election of a new Democratic executive committee for the county on the first Thursday in August.

Madison county will be entitled to 27 votes in the state convention, and it is said the meeting will instruct the delegates to vote as a unit. Any number of Democrats from the county may attend the state convention.

Judge D. W. Herring, Senator Eugene Fulghum, Col. J. M. Troutt, of Jackson, Mrs. Neill Wright, of Huntingdon, and Esq. H. E. Graper, of Lexington, are among the parties mentioned as delegates to the national Democratic convention, which is to be held in San Francisco in June, representing the Eighth congressional district, of which Madison county is a part.

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FLORENCE, ALA., HIGH HOLDS COMMENCEMENT

FLORENCE, Ala. May 22. (Spl.)—
The commencement exercises of the Coffee high school were held Wednesday night in the auditorium of the school. Hon. W. R. Webb. former U. S. senator from Tennessee, delivered the literary address to the gradualing class. The reception at the school on the afternoon was largely attended. It was given by the students of the domestic science and manual training department. The literary societies had a debate Tiesday evening. In the reclitation contest Miss Surah Claston Jeter won She is the daughter of the late Rev. R. C. Jeter, a chaplain in the National army in the late war. James Appleby, son of the superintendent of city schools, won the U. D. C. medal for the best essay on "General Joseph Wheeler." This closed one of the most successful years in the history of the school.

DEMOCRATS SEEK DELAY OF SOLDIER BONUS BILL

WASHINGTON, May 22.—House op-ments of soldier relief legislation were encentrating their forces today in an effort to prevent consideration of the

HOLD COMMENCEMENT AT COLDWATER SCHOOL

COLDWATER Miss. May *2 (Spl.) — Commencement exercises are in progress at the Coldwater high school. The graduating class consists of the following boys and girls: James Mc-t'ain, Hubert Osteen, Airses Mary Clay Dally, Lois Gaines, Ruth Gillespie and Odessa Wooten.

The commencement sermen will be preached at the Methodist church Sunday by Key. J. T. Lewis, of Charleston, Miss. Frof. T. H. Freeny has been re-elected principal for the coming year and the salaries of all the teachers have seen liberally increased.

NEGRO ORPHANS WILL HAVE DAY SUNDAY

A program consisting of orchestra numbers, talks by C. P. J. Mooney, Mrs. T. F. Keller, Mrs. N. P. Whiteman, William Jones and others in an educational campaign in interest of negro orphans and dependent children, will be given Sunday afternoon at the Community conter. The pregram will been munity center. The program will begin A community meeting will also be seld in connection with the morning hurch services of Rev. P. C. Town-send's church in North Memphis. at organization. ganized for welfare work in that com-

DECLARE MARTIAL LAW. FRAGUE, Czecho-Slovakia, May 22.

Martial law was declared in the Teschen plobiscite area Wednesday by the international commission. Bitter feeling has prevailed recently in the district between the Czecho-Slovak and Polish workpien and some clashes have been reported.

U. S. WILL ACT.

Two Gallons of Moonshine Variety Taken as Evidence. Still Is Said To Be Worth \$250.

EDGAR-MORGAN FIRM BUYS NEW ELEVATOR

The Edgar-Morgan company, whose grain elevator recently burned with a loss of close to half a million dollars, has purchased the mill formerly owned by the Yates & Donelson company, located at Mississippi and Railroad avenues. It was first necessary to buy the lease on the mill, which was owned by the Stout-Hunt Milling company. It was at first thought that the Edgar-Morgan company would have to build a new mill and elevator, but it was fortunate enough to acquire the Yates & Bonelson mill. When the latter company vacated its mill it left much valuabel milling machinery which was being used by the Stout-Hunt company. This is included in the sale of the property, and according to John B. Edgar, this will materially reduce the cost of remodeling and refurnishing. He says that the new mill will increase the output of the company from 350 tons of meal in a 10-hour day to 500.

The Edgar-Morgan company expects to be in its new home by Aug 1. The plant is a large one, and is sprinkled throughout. Most of the machinery can be used to grind feed as well as meal, and only a small outlay of money will convert the plant from a meal and flour

MEMPHIS AVIATOR KILLED IN TEXAS

Lieut. Alvin M. St. John, operation and engineering officer at Kelly Field No. 1. San Antonio, Tex., and formerly a resident of Memphis, was killed there Friday when an airplane he was piloting crashed into a flagpole, according to telegraphic news reaching Memphis, Lieut. St. John was a brother of J. M. St. John, of 1244 Court avenue, with whom he made his home when he lived in Memphis. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. E. H. Hickman, of Nashville, Tenn.

According to telegraphic news First Class Private Carl L. Buehler. of Elgin, Hl. was killed at the same time. Lieut. St. John, dispatches stated, accompanied by Private Buehler, had been making a test flight in the machine and was attempting to land after having reached an altitude of 14,000 feet. A flaspole, rainted white and practically invisible to the aviator, was directly in the path of the machine. The lieutenant attempted to clear this pole when he finally saw it but the pole struck the bottom of the machine, cutting it in two, the wrecked plane striking a barracks. Lieut. St. John was dead

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According to his brother, who is connected with the Memphis Furniture Manufecturing company. Lieut. St. John entered the United States aviation service while he was a student at Georgia Tech. He received his preliminary education at Jackson, Tenn. One year ago he was in Memphis with the Flying Circus, which was advertising the coming Victory bond issue, and while here made a large number of friends. While arrangements for the functal have not been completed, the body will probably be taken to Jackson, Tenn. for burial. He was a native of Henderson, Tenn.

GET CONTRACT TO BUILD MEMPHIS AUTO PLANT

ponents of soldier relief legislation were concentrating their forces today in an effort to prevent consideration of the bonis bill next week under limitations prescribed by Republican leaders. They were successful vexterday in preventing a vote today as had been planned.

Republican leaders still maintained the bill would eventually pass the house and be sent to the senate. None predicted what disposition would be made of it there.

MERCHANT MARINE BILL

IS NOW IN CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, May 22. House and senate conferees today began work on the merchant marine bill, hoping to income out differences between the two measures before congress recesses next month. Passage of the bill vesterday by the senate ended months of hearings and discussions.

Tracer to be built in Memphis, Truck will be company are almost exclusively residents of the tri-state district.

CHATTANOOGA OFFICERS

WILL RETURN SLAYER

Declaring they would refuse to accept a reward for the arrest of Eibert.

Declaring they would refuse to accept a reward for the arrest of Ethert Stanford, negro, because he was charged with killing a fellow officer. Members of the Chattaneoga police department are willing for Ebert Stanford, sought as Patrolman Andrew White Stayer, to be returned to Memphis for trial first, according to Emergency Officer J. G. York, if local authorities have a planer case of murder than has been obtained against the negro is Chattaneoga for the death of Special Officer N. C. Purham.

York returned late Friday, following his trip there to blentify the negro as Stanford. Stanford, going by the name of John Johnson, was found wounded near the dead body of Durham last week. He is charged with murder in this case, being confined in the county just there with his leg splintered by shullet above the knee.

Campaign Inquiry To Begin May 24

WASHINGTON, May 22 -- Investigaion of the pre-convention campaign xpenditures and pledges of both Renublican and Democratic presidential cundilates, ordered by the senate, begins here Monday.

The senate privileges and electing committee ordered today appointing of a subcommittee to do the work vall possible dispatch and to hold flearings. hearings.

Managers of the campaigns of rious candidates will be asked by graph to attend the session Mor. The policy to be followed was in a resolution adopted by the face after an hour's discussion subcommittee of five will be anamed later today and authorized proceed with a quorum of three presentor to direct individual members to take up paidicular questions.

BERGDOLL STILL FREE.

PHILAISELPHIA, May 22.—Grove Seveland Rergdoll the wealthy draft-origer, who escaped from non-com-Press)—Clourt circles are concerned over the health of the emperor, whese condition is such that his doctors have counseled a res for an indefinite period from official duties. The crown prince has already begun to represent the emperor at state functions.

PARIS. May 22—Ambassador Wallack army officers at his mother dors today that President Wilson had army officers at his mother dors today that President Wilson had announced that the United States prince has already begun to represent the emperor at state functions.